

Durham Animal Control Advisory Committee
November 24, 2009

In attendance: Joyce McKinney, Joyce Arcus, Fran Foster, Cindy Bailey, Shafonda Price, Martha Ann Traylor, Susan Teer. There were 3 guests from the community in attendance.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

Animal Control Updates:

- 1 rabies case in North Durham in September - raccoon
- reviewed completed calls and impound statistics for September and October
- dispatch position has been filled

Shelter Update:

- reviewed intake and outcome statistics for September and October
- increase incidence of Parvovirus cases in the last few weeks
- 857 feral cats euthanized in 2008
- discussed the Toy for Tails project

Old Business:

- discussed how to proceed with the feral cat issue
 - potential issues: taxes, definition of stray vs. feral (distinguishing between the two), revaccination
 - discussion regarding definition of stray vs. feral
 - comments from the guests regarding personal experience
 - decision made that the current policy is not working
 - discussed the need to explore any options/alternatives to TNR
- motion made to create a subcommittee to explore options for managing feral cats in Durham County
 - motion passed
- discussed which members would participate on the committee
 - volunteers: Fran, Cindy, Martha Ann; will be finalized in January

New Business:

- updated email/address/phone list to be distributed
- New member - Jenny Campbell
- Maddie's Fund
 - goal is to stop the euthanasia of adoptable animals
 - grant based
 - 10 year project; requires a coalition - Animal Control and APS will partner with local organizations to create a coalition
 - based on results
 - over 5 years must demonstrate a partnership between groups, an increase in adoptions, decrease in euthanasia

Meeting closed at 8:22 PM.

Next meeting to be held January 26, 2010, at the Durham Animal Shelter.

Minutes submitted by Joyce McKinney.